

Amendments to the Specification:

Please add the following new paragraph at page 1 prior to the section entitled "BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION":

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/444,010, filed on January 31, 2003, the complete disclosure of which is expressly incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 24, with the following amended paragraph:

Figures 9A and 9B depict the functional abilities of the NK cells induced by co-culture with dendritic cells generated with GM-CSF, GM-CSF and IL-4, or GM-CSF and IL-15. Figure 9A depicts the percentage lysis of K562 tumor cells by each group of dendritic cells. Figure 9B depicts the percentage of CD3+ cells and [CD16+] CD56+ cells in each dendritic cell population.